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# STORY SO FAR





**DR. STARLINE**

Theatrical Scientist.  
Nefarious puppeteer.



**SURGE THE TENREC**

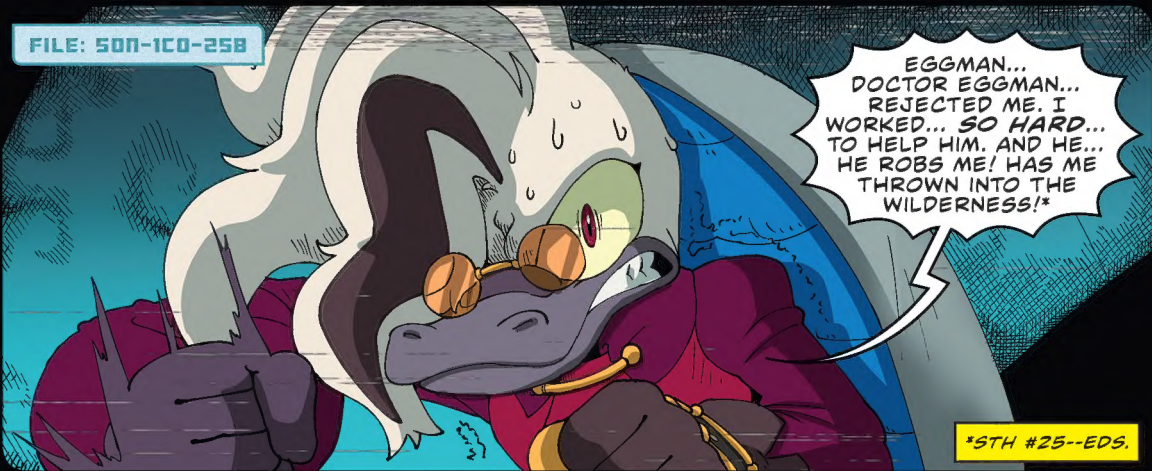
The Mean Green.  
Roguish speedster.



**KITSUNAMI "KIT" THE FENNEC**

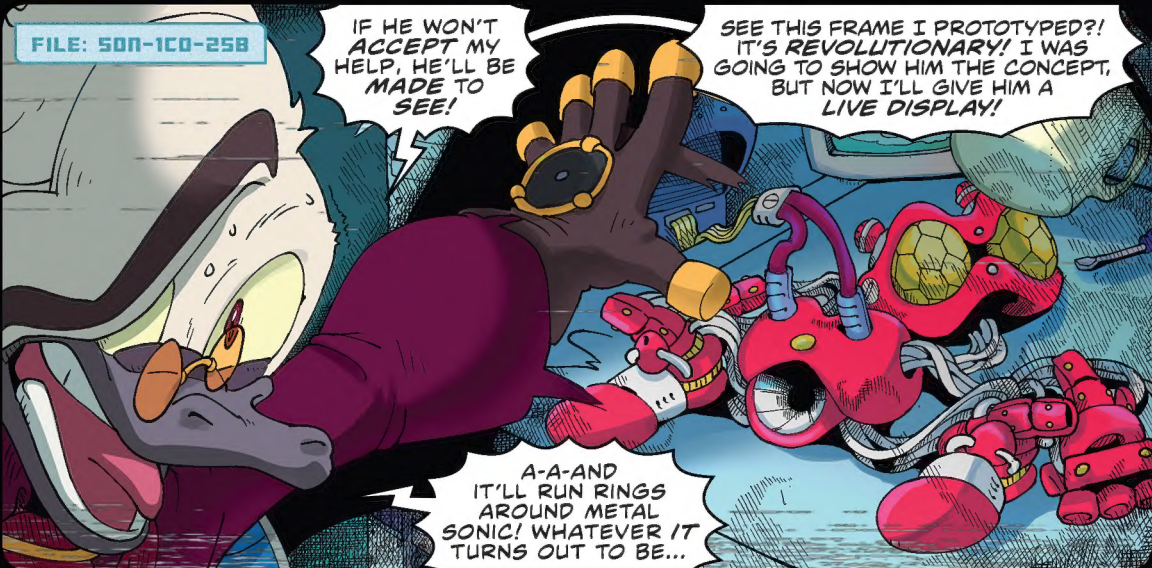
Sorrowful Sidekick.  
High-flying hydromancer.



A close-up of Dr. Eggman's face. He has a grey, bat-like head with large ears, wearing his signature orange goggles and a purple suit. He has a pained or desperate expression, with sweat drops on his forehead.

EGGMAN...  
DOCTOR EGGMAN...  
REJECTED ME. I  
WORKED... **SO HARD**...  
TO HELP HIM. AND HE...  
HE **ROBS ME!** HAS ME  
THROWN INTO THE  
WILDERNESS!\*

\*5TH #25--EDS.

Dr. Eggman is shown from the chest up, holding a small, red, one-eyed robot prototype in his gloved hand. The robot has a single large eye, a small mouth, and a shell-like body. Eggman has a determined but slightly nervous expression.

IF HE WON'T  
**ACCEPT MY**  
HELP, HE'LL BE  
**MADE TO**  
**SEE!**

SEE THIS FRAME I PROTOTYPED?!  
IT'S **REVOLUTIONARY!** I WAS  
GOING TO SHOW HIM THE CONCEPT,  
BUT NOW I'LL GIVE HIM A  
**LIVE DISPLAY!**

A-A-AND  
IT'LL RUN RINGS  
AROUND METAL  
SONIC! WHATEVER IT  
TURNS OUT TO BE...

A close-up of Dr. Eggman's face as he looks at the small robot. His expression is one of intense focus and satisfaction, with his mouth slightly open as if he's about to speak or has just finished a thought.

NO SLOPPILY  
CONSTRUCTED  
BADNIKS! NO  
OVERSPECIALIZED  
VANITY PROJECTS!  
**YES! THAT MEANS**  
**YOU, METAL**  
**SONIC!**

**BUT A**  
**VERSATILE,**  
**ROBUST,**  
**SUPERIOR**  
**CREATION!**



FILE: 840-GU7-048

INTROSPECTION  
AND REVISION. TWO  
THINGS MY IDOL  
LACKS. TWO THINGS I  
MUST EMBRACE TO  
SURPASS HIM.



FILE: 840-GU7-048

MY TIME WITH  
ZAVOK AND THE  
OTHERS OPENED  
MY EYES.\* MY INITIAL  
PLANS WERE SHORT-  
SIGHTED.

ALL THE  
POWER AND  
OBEDIENCE OF  
A MACHINE MEANS  
NOTHING IN THE  
CHAOTIC AND  
UNPREDICTABLE  
WORLD I'M TRYING  
TO CONTROL.

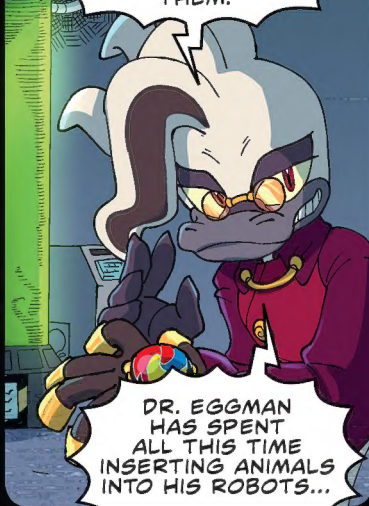
\*STH: BAD GUYS #1-4--EDS.



FILE: 840-GU7-048

I NEED THE WILL  
AND INGENUITY OF A  
LIVING BEING. I NEED  
TO TAKE MY INITIAL  
DESIGNS AND FUSE  
THEM.

DR. EGGMAN  
HAS SPENT  
ALL THIS TIME  
INSERTING ANIMALS  
INTO HIS ROBOTS...



FILE: 840-GU7-048

...WHEN THE  
SOLUTION WAS  
THE OTHER WAY  
AROUND.







SWEET  
GAIA BELOW,  
DOES THIS  
GUY EVER  
SHUT UP?

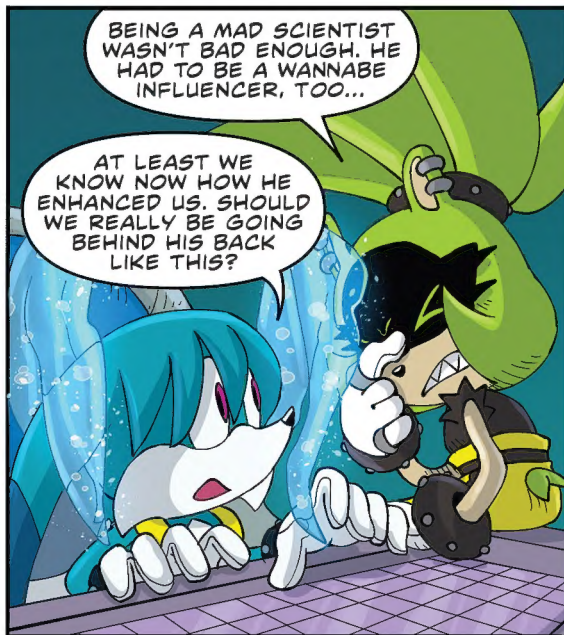


D-DO YOU  
WANT ME TO  
LOG OUT?

NO, YOU  
DID GOOD  
HACKING INTO  
STARLINE'S  
FILES. KEEP  
DIGGING. I  
WANT MORE  
DETAILS.



SEARCHING.  
HIS ARCHIVES  
ARE...  
EXTENSIVE.



BEING A MAD SCIENTIST  
WASN'T BAD ENOUGH. HE  
HAD TO BE A WANNABE  
INFLUENCER, TOO...

AT LEAST WE  
KNOW NOW HOW HE  
ENHANCED US. SHOULD  
WE REALLY BE GOING  
BEHIND HIS BACK  
LIKE THIS?



WHEN I WANT  
YOUR OPINION, I'LL  
GIVE IT TO YOU. MORE  
DEETS. NOW.

Y-YES  
MA'AM! I  
THINK I FOUND  
SOMETHING...

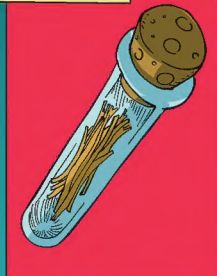


FILE: P05-757-H44

THE CYBERNETIC ENHANCEMENTS HAVE TAKEN. MY BASE MODELS ARE COMPLETE. NOW COMES THE SPECIALIZATION.

FILE: P05-757-H44

I HAVE ASSEMBLED ALL THE NECESSARY INGREDIENTS TO EMULATE THE BIOMECHANICAL MIRACLES OF MY ADVERSARIES AND INSTALL THEM INTO MY CYBERNETIC ENFORCERS.



FILE: P05-757-H44

EMULATED, BUT NOT REPLICATED. SUBJECT "KITSUNAMI" WILL NEED EXTERNAL SUPPORT. SUBJECT "SURGE" WILL NEED ELECTRO-MAGNETIC PROPULSION.

BUT I'M AIMING TO IMPROVE UPON THINGS, NOT MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO.



FILE: P05-757-H44

BUT THAT  
MUCH POWER  
**MUST** BE KEPT  
UNDER CONTROL.  
ONCE AGAIN, I  
LOOK TO DR.  
EGGMAN FOR  
INSPIRATION.

FILE: P05-757-H44

I ACQUIRED THE  
PROGRAMMING OF  
ONE OF HIS MORE...  
UNORTHODOX  
CONSTRUCTIONS.

WITH HER, I  
HAD THE MEANS  
OF FABRICATING  
A PERSONALITY.  
OR RATHER  
**OVERWRITING**  
EXISTING ONES.

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FILE: P05-757-H44

MY CREATIONS  
WILL THINK WHAT I  
WANT THEM TO THINK.  
WANT WHAT I DESIRE  
THEM TO WANT. BE  
WHO I WANT THEM  
TO **BE**.

AND AS A  
FAIL-SAFE, THEY'VE  
BEEN MADE  
ESPECIALLY PRONE TO  
MY HYPNOTIC GEAR.  
JUST IN CASE THEY  
NEED... REALIGNMENT.





SUBJECT: "SURGE."  
SESSION 005.

YOU HATE  
SONIC. YOU  
WANT TO  
DESTROY  
SONIC.

I HATE  
SONIC. I  
WANT TO  
DESTROY  
SONIC.

SUBJECT: "KITSUNAMI."  
SESSION 002.

YOU LIVE  
TO SUPPORT  
SURGE. YOU WILL  
DO ANYTHING  
FOR HER.

LIVE... FOR  
SURGE. DO.  
ANYTHING...

SUBJECT: "SURGE."  
SESSION 058.

YOU HATE  
SONIC. YOU WANT  
TO DESTROY  
SONIC.

I HATE  
SONIC. I  
WANT TO  
DESTROY  
SONIC.

SUBJECT: "KITSUNAMI."  
SESSION 015.

YOU LIVE  
TO SUPPORT  
SURGE. YOU WILL  
DO ANYTHING  
FOR HER.

I LIVE  
TO SUPPORT  
SURGE. I WILL  
DO ANYTHING  
FOR HER.

SUBJECT: "SURGE."  
SESSION 232.

AND WHAT  
OF THE WORLD-  
RENOWNED HERO,  
SONIC?

PSSHT. I  
HATE THAT JERK.  
I'LL WIPE MY SHOES  
ON HIS GRAVE  
AFTER I PUT  
HIM IN IT.

SUBJECT: "KITSUNAMI."  
SESSION 033.

AND WHAT OF  
YOUR PARTNER,  
SURGE?

I LOOK OUT  
FOR HER! NO  
MATTER WHAT! I'LL DO  
ANYTHING FOR HER!  
WHERE IS SHE? CAN  
I SEE HER NOW?



FILE: PR3-1MP-SYM

ISIGH! SO, I HAD  
REPURPOSED THE  
RESILIENCE OF THE  
METAL VIRUS INTO SAFE  
CELLULAR UPGRADES  
TO SUPPLEMENT THE  
ENHANCEMENT  
CYBERNETICS.

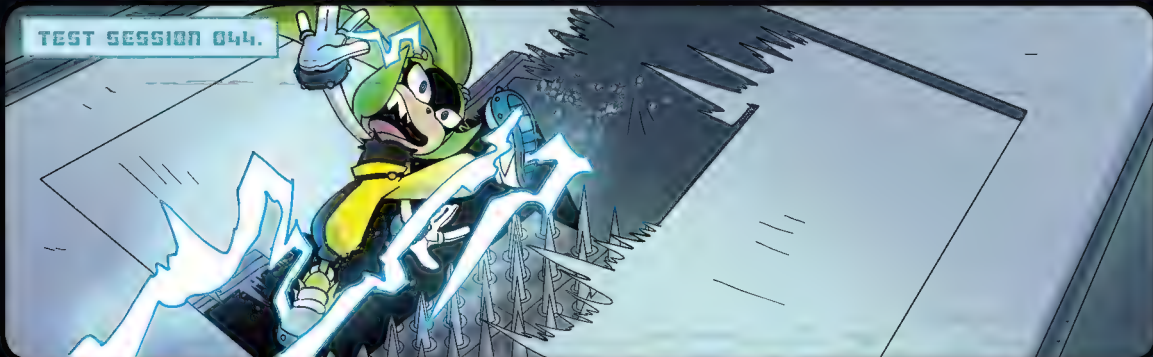


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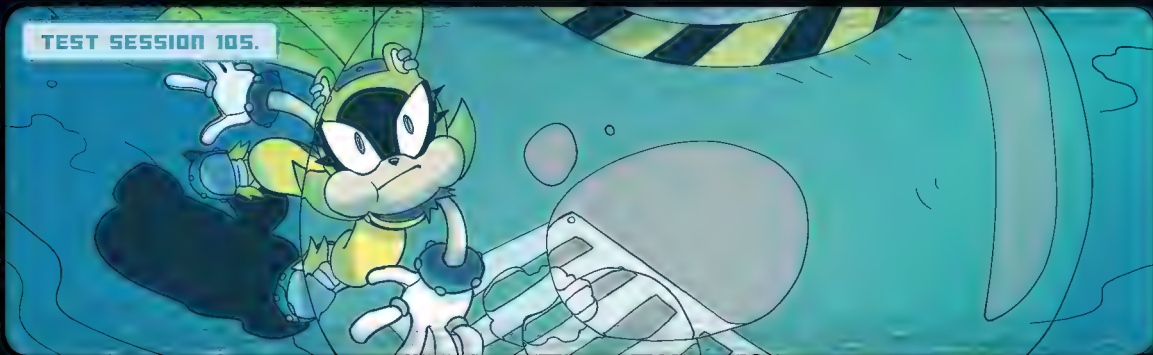
SURGE AND  
KITSUNAMI ARE  
EXCEEDINGLY  
RESILIENT.  
PHYSICALLY.  
BUT...

...INSERT  
FILE FOOTAGE  
HERE...

TEST SESSION 044.

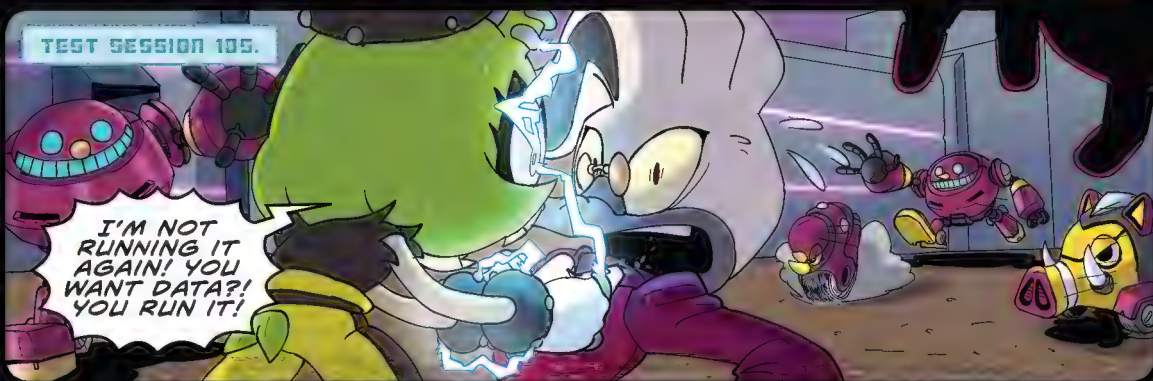


TEST SESSION 105.



TEST SESSION 105.

I'M NOT  
RUNNING IT  
AGAIN! YOU  
WANT DATA?!  
YOU RUN IT!





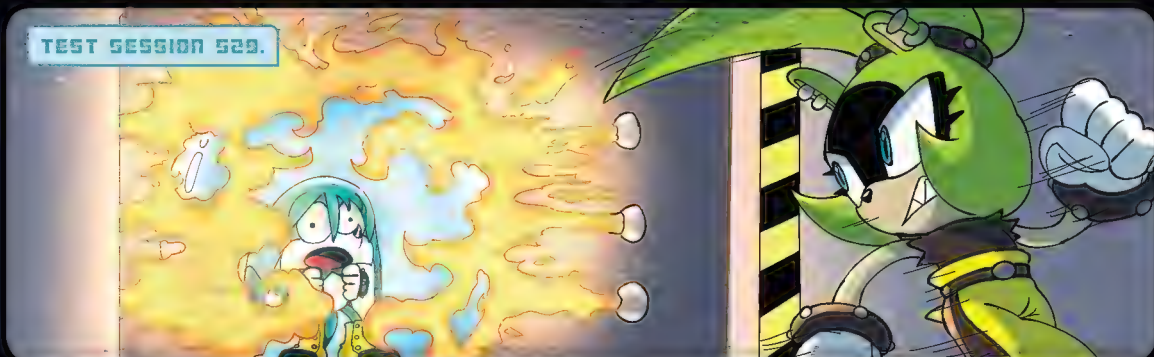
TEST SESSION 337.



TEST SESSION 458.



TEST SESSION 529.



TEST SESSION 601.



FILE: PR3-IMP-SYM



AN UNFORESEEN NECESSITY FOR THE HYPNOTIC VULNERABILITY HAS BEEN DEALING WITH THE PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA.

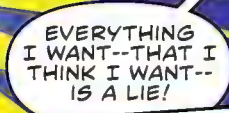
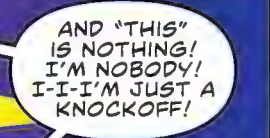




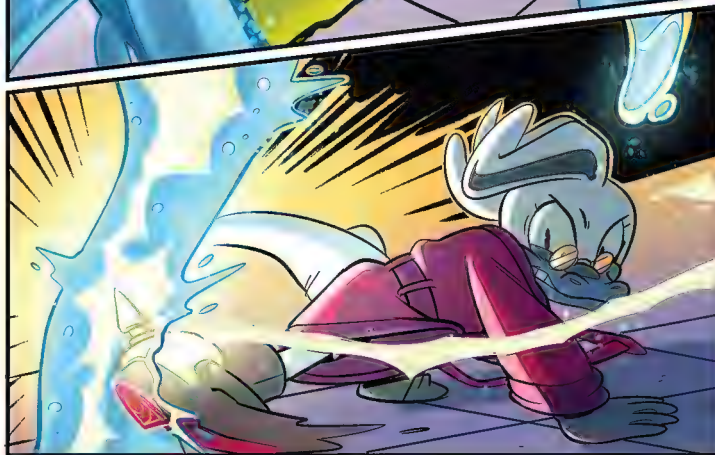




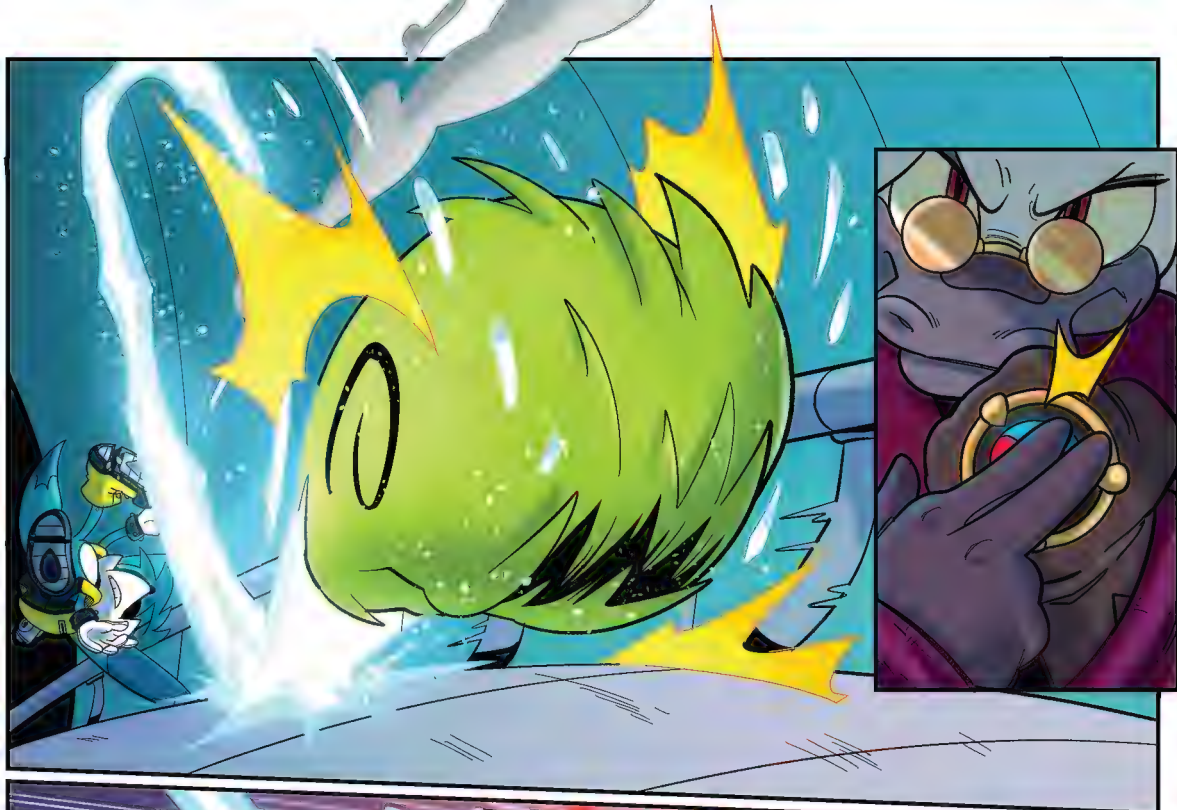












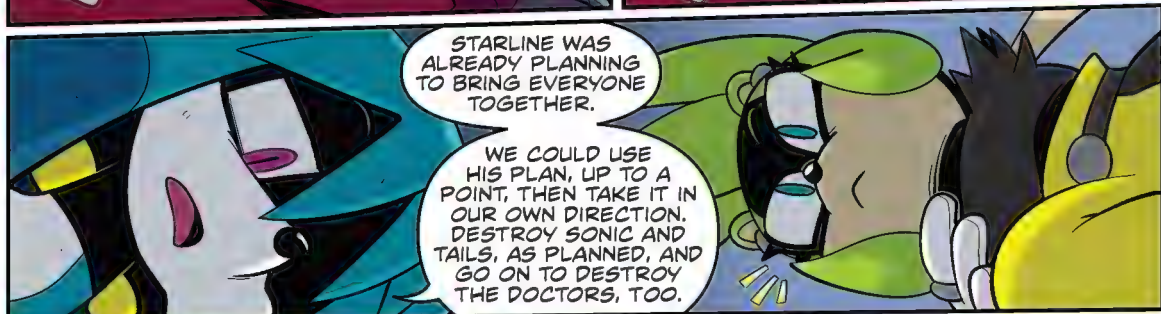




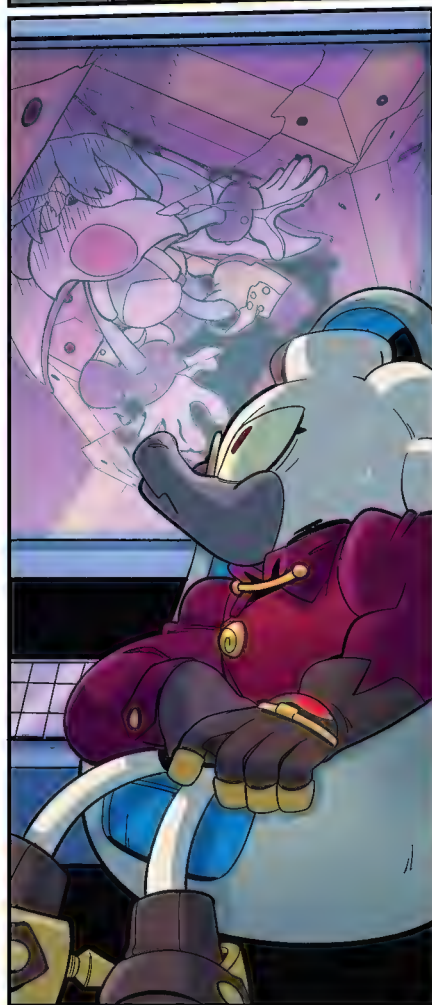






















OUR  
ACTIVITIES THERE  
WILL UNDOUBTEDLY  
GRAB THE ATTENTION  
OF THE HEROES AND  
LURE THEM IN.

THE  
BADNIKS WILL BE  
SUFFICIENT FOR  
ANCILLARY SUPPORT,  
FREEING YOU TWO  
UP TO FOCUS ON  
WHAT YOU WERE  
MADE FOR.

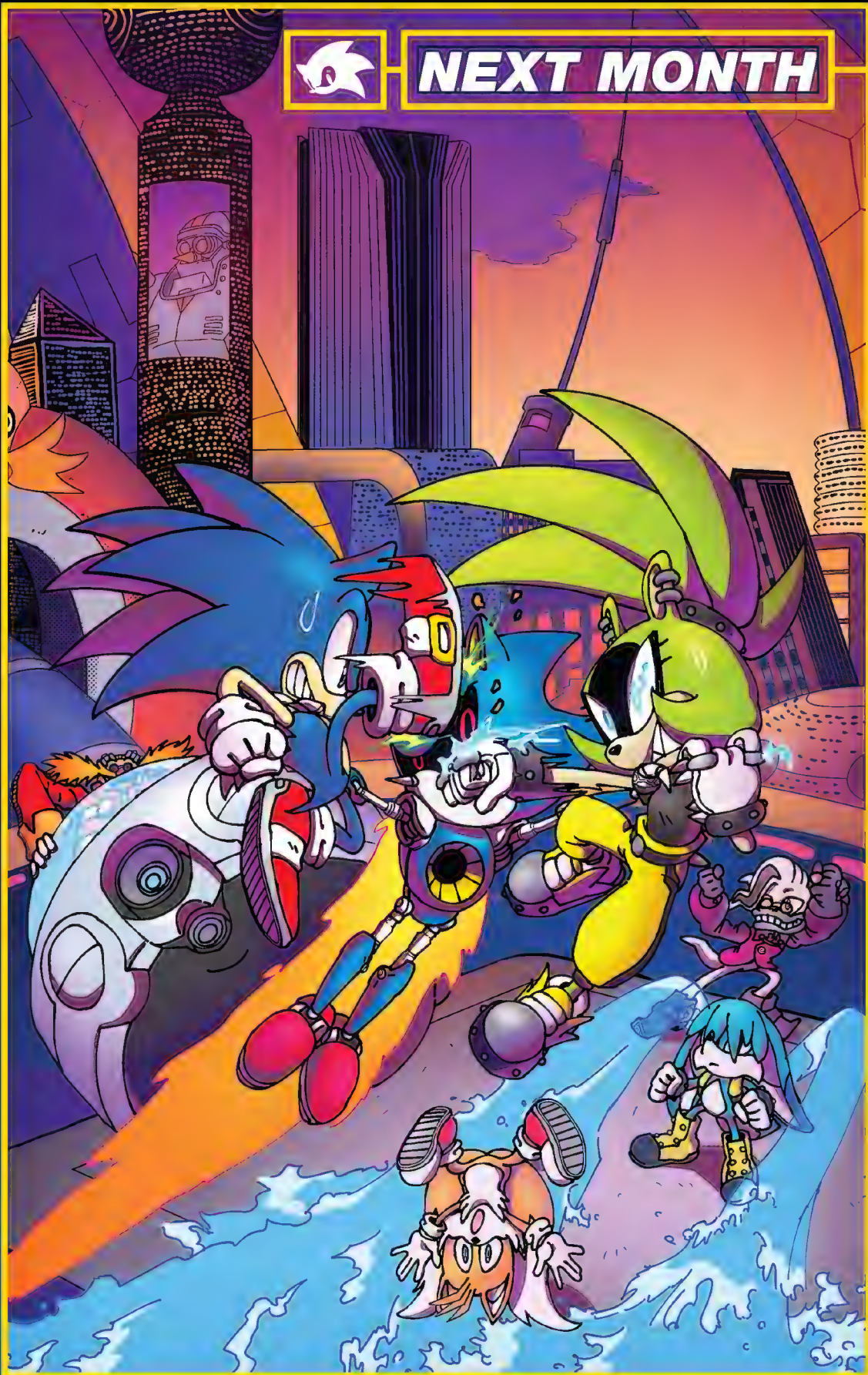
ONCE YOU'VE  
SEPARATED AND  
CORNERED YOUR  
TARGETS, YOU WILL  
STRIKE WITH ALL  
YOUR FEROCITY  
AND WITH ZERO  
REMORSE...

**NEXT TIME:**  
**INVADING THE**  
**EGGMAN EMPIRE!**





**NEXT MONTH**





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# LETTERS SQUAD

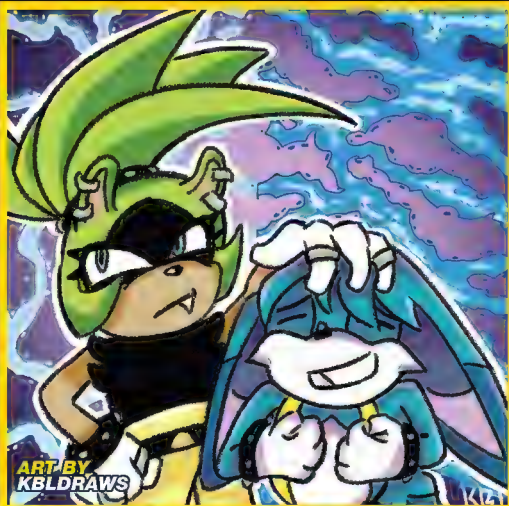


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GOOD. SONIC'S GROWING BORED, AND WHEN  
THAT HAPPENS, THINGS BECOME A LOT LESS  
BORING FOR EVERYONE ELSE — *FAST!***



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